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LEMON GROVE TURNS 40

Join in the festivities to celebrate this milestone

The City of Lemon Grove celebrated its 40th birthday on July 1 and now a year-long celebration is underway! The festivities are being kicked off with this first issue of **The Zest**, the City's newly rebranded newsletter. It will be published on a monthly basis so watch for it to arrive with updates on City news, events, local business spotlights and more.

You can help commemorate this birthday milestone by participating in these fun and free activities during Lemon Grove's 40th year.



The City celebrates its first birthday in this vintage photo.

- One "Lemon Grove History Minute" video highlighting memories from the past will be shared at each City Council meeting through the end of June 2018;
- A History Hunt will take place once a month with a clue to find a historical landmark hidden in plain sight around town;
- A Local Lemon Rush is planned for residents to find 40 hidden lemons around town and claim prizes;
- Forty #ThrowbackThursday posts will be shared on social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) featuring vintage photos. Join in the fun and share your memories on social media by using #40andFunLG;
- The Lemon Grove Acts of Kindness Campaign will launch this month and will encourage kindness and community engagement; and
- Special 40th tributes will take place at the 20th Annual Bonfire on December 1, 2017.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lemon Grove attempted incorporation **four times** before voters were successful in the quest for cityhood in the March 1977 incorporation election.

For questions on these events, to share your memories and/or photos, or to request to be featured in the "Lemon Grove History Minute," contact Miranda Evans at 619.825.3813 or via email at mevans@lemongrove.ca.gov.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Scott Adams

*Sanitation Superintendent,
Lemon Grove Sanitation
District*



Scott has been a valued public servant for over 30 years. He is a Lemon Grove native and began his career working as a recreation leader for the City. In his current role as sanitation superintendent, he oversees the operation of the sewer and storm drains. Scott is an avid sportsman and when he is not serving the residents of Lemon Grove, he enjoys playing beach volleyball. The longtime Lido's lover enjoys leading by example and creating community relationships.

New city law makes parks alcohol and smoke free

Thanks to a unanimous vote by the Lemon Grove City Council, all City parks are now alcohol and smoke free. Park hours were also adjusted for year-round use from dawn to dusk. Both changes were made to help better support family-friendly parks in the community.



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NEW BIKE PATROLS COMING

A grant awarded to the City from the Department of Justice will fund the program



Sgt. Jorge Dueno shows off one of the new bikes that will be used to patrol Lemon Grove.

The City has been awarded grant funds from the Department of Justice to fund a new bicycle patrol program. The new program will provide an increased law enforcement presence along the Broadway corridor and allow deputies to improve and increase community policing in Lemon Grove. Bike patrols will also be present in City parks and will enable deputies to patrol areas that cars are not able to access. Keep a look out for deputies on the roll this summer and early fall.

If you see something, say something.
Call the Sheriff's non-emergency line at **858-565-5200**
and report emergencies by dialing **9-1-1**.

Summer fun continues

Opportunities still available for all ages

Visit the City's website for complete details about activities to enjoy **#GroveSummer17**. Come gather with us to build community!

Summer Day Camp

K-8, Through 8/22
Call Monica Gonzalez
(619) 825-3815

"The LEGO Batman Movie" (PG)

Berry Street Park, 8/4
Movie begins 15 minutes
after sunset (Approx. 8:15 p.m.)

Lemon Grove's Annual Summer Concert Series

Weekly on Thursdays,
Berry Street Park
Now through 8/17
Music begins at 6:30 p.m.



Free summer meals for kids 18 and under

CHAMPS serves lunch at several locations in the city each weekday

A grant from the National League of Cities is helping the City of Lemon Grove feed hungry kids all summer long. The Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meals Program, or CHAMPS, offers free lunches at several locations in the City each weekday through Aug. 22. The program is available for children ages 18 and younger. Lunch times and locations are listed below:

- Citronica I Community Room, 7775 North Avenue
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Lemon Grove Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane
12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

CHAMPS grants are given to enhance City efforts to improve the health and well-being of local youth. Lemon Grove is one of just 20 cities across the nation to receive the funds.

CHANGES ARE BREWING IN LEMON GROVE

In an effort to create a more thriving "alive after 5" atmosphere, the City Council recently approved a zoning amendment that will make it easier for breweries, wineries, distilleries and wine bars to be located in town. These type of businesses will simply need a business license and building permit for any site improvements, instead of going through a lengthy City Council approval process.

The new law also allows these type of businesses to have tasting rooms, off-sale beverages (i.e. six-packs, growlers, kegs), outdoor consumption, on-site catering and food trucks and live music.

Currently, there are only three craft breweries within a five-mile radius. For more information, please contact David De Vries, development services director, at ddevries@lemongrove.ca.gov or 619.825.3812.

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